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Serial No.:	10/668,702	§		
		§	Examiner:	S. A. Gebremariam
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		§	Art Unit:	2811
For:	A Method for Improving Time	§		
	Dependent Dielectric Breakdown	§	Conf. No.:	2195
	Lifetimes	§		

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2004, applicant hereby elects, Group I, Claims 1-17, which is drawn to a method of forming integrated circuit device.

Applicant's election is made with traverse on the grounds that the embodiments delineated by the examiner are not patentably distinct and therefore constitute a single invention concept.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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